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TAGS: PFOR, US, XA (SCHAUFLE, WILLIAM E., JR.)

SUBJECT: SCHAUFLE REPORT TO AFRICAN LEADERS ON KISSINGER-VORSTER
TALKS

REFS: A) STATE 165318; B) STATE 167078

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE

1. REF A INDICATES THAT OTHER COUNTRIES MAY BE ADDED TO YOUR
ITINERARY ANNOUNCED JULY 2. REF B INDICATES THE DEPARTMENT IS STILL
WORKING ON YOUR SCHEDULE BUT THAT YOU ARRIVE LUSAKA JULY 8.

2. THERE IS OF COURSE HIGH INTEREST HERE CONCERNING THE SECRETARY'S
TALKS WITH VORSTER AND YOUR AFRICAN TRIP TO REPORT ON THESE TALKS.
THERE IS DOUBTLESS SPECULATION AS TO WHETHER LIBERIA WILL BE ONE OF
THOSE COUNTRIES ADDED TO YOUR ITINERARY. GIVEN THE OFFICIAL WORD
THAT YOU ARE CONTEMPLATING OTHER STOPS I WANT TO URGE YOU ONCE AGAIN
TO INCLUDE MONROVIA.

3. I KNOW YOU ARE AWARE OF ALL THE ARGUMENTS FOR A VISIT HERE BUT
LET ME LIST THEM BRIEFLY:

A. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT HERE, THE FACT THAT SOUTHERN
AFRICA WAS THE FIRST TOPIC TREATED BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT IN THEIR
CONVERSATIONS AND TOLBERT'S MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY AND CORRES-
PONDENCE BETWEEN TOLBERT, PRESIDENT FORD AND THE SECRETARY ON SOUTH-
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ERN AFRICA ENCOURAGES THE GOL TO BELIEVE THAT LIBERIA IS AMONG

THOSE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE WISH TO CONSULT CLOSELY IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS.

B. SINCE YOU ARE VISITING IVORY COAST (AND ALSO SENEGAL) IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOL TO UNDERSTAND EXCLUSION OF LIBERIA, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT TO PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 24 AT FURSTENFELDBRUCK AIRPORT THAT YOU WOULD VISIT AFRICA "TO REPORT TO THE LEADERS OF THE BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES THAT ARE MOST CONCERNED WITH THESE MATTERS" (REF A).

C. PRESIDENT TOLBERT IS CURRENTLY GEARING UP HIS GOVERNMENT FOR HIS ANTICIPATED STATE VISIT TO THE U.S. THIS FALL. THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS IN MONROVIA APRIL 30 EMPHASIZED PRESIDENT FORD'S PERSONAL INVITATION FOR THIS VISIT AND ITS DEMONSTRATION OF OUR HISTORIC, SPECIAL RELATIONS. A SHORT VISIT HERE BY YOU AT THIS TIME WOULD ADD TO THE SIGNIFICANCE FOR LIBERIA OF THAT VISIT.

4.I RECOGNIZE YOUR SCHEDULE MUST BE EXTREMELY TIGHT, BUT WE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MINIMIZE TIME REQUIRED FOR A VISIT HERE. ONCE WE KNOW YOUR EXACT SCHEDULE WE WILL, FOR EXAMPLE, MAKE PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FROM ABIDJAN TO MONROVIA (FLIGHT TIME IS ONE HOUR).
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